

WHOLE TOWN IS FLOODED

Cloudburst Causes a Break in the Levee.

SWEEPS THROUGH CITY

Every Railroad in Northwest Crippled from Washouts.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 12.—A Sentinel from August, Wis., says that town and vicinity are flooded, the result of a cloudburst. The levee went out and the flood swept through the center of the town, carrying everything before it. The greatest losers are Finch, Worth and company, Brown Brothers, wagon makers, building and contents, Taggart and Mohr, firm impounding building and contents; J. L. Ball, electric light plant; John Anderson, one building; Cox Bros. company, barn and sheds moved; Obrien livery. No estimate of the loss can be made until the water recedes.

Every railroad running through the northwest is crippled from washouts. The through northbound limited on the Wisconsin Central road from Chicago was still at Abbottsford late today. It should have passed here at 3 o'clock this morning but was held on account of bad washouts on the main line between Abbottsford, Medford and Chisholm, where it is said the rain descended in torrents for some hours, washing out the track badly and delaying all through trains indefinitely.

Morrill, Wis., reports the worst electrical storm in years. The Wisconsin river is high and sixty feet of track of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road is washed out of Pine river. Rural mail carriers were unable to go over their routes because of the washed out bridges.

Mondovi, Buffalo county reports \$30,000 damage.

Unity and Glenwood send reports of farms under water and great damage to crops.

Wausau, Wis., Sept. 12.—Heavy rains last night caused serious damage to railroad property. There is a washout on the northwestern road and no trains will be able to pass that point until tomorrow. There is also a washout on the Milwaukee road near Pine river, tying up traffic. The Wisconsin river has already risen three feet and is still rising. An unconfirmed report states that the Torma-hawk dam has been destroyed. The dam was built 17 years ago by the late Wm. Bradley. It is one of the largest in Wisconsin, costing an immense amount of money.

OFFERS HIS HOUND.

Night Watchman Has a Dog Trained to Scent Criminals.

Shawnee, O. T., Sept. 12.—The recent robberies have caused the citizens of Shawnee to seek aid to the needs of Shawnee that many suggestions are being made by different ones for the suppression of crime of this nature, says the Democrat.

George Thatchett, night watchman at the Choctaw shops, has offered the use of his trained blood hound to the police for tracking of the burglars who have infested the city for the last few weeks. The hound is one of the best in the territory and has a history for tracking criminals.

Thatchett does not ask any pay for the services of the dog, but only seek to rid the town of the lawless element that have kept the citizens in a state of terror. He says he will guarantee that if the dog is taken to the place where any robbery has been committed before the scent is cold, that the dog will have the burglar by the seat of the breeches in short order.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC.

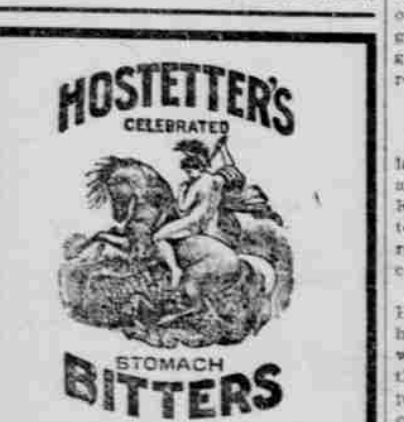
Governor Ferguson is Expected to Be Among the Speakers.

Edmond, O. T., Sept. 12.—At a meeting held at Britton, of some of the old settlers of this county, committees were appointed to arrange for an old settlers' picnic, says the Enterprise. The time and place will be determined later, but it is thought that it will be held in the neighborhood of Witcher, making it a dividing line between the black jacks and the prairie. The time will probably be set for some time this month. Several prominent speakers are to be invited, among whom will be Governor Ferguson, and it is expected that a general good time will follow. At the Britton meeting Henry Miller was appointed secretary pro tem and J. Q. Spencer was elected for the permanent secretary. Dr. Beaubien was elected president.

CAUGHT IN A BELT.

Peter Rider is Instantly Killed by a Threshing Machine.

Armond, O. T., Sept. 12.—Peter Rider, a farm hand, was caught in the belt of a threshing machine Tuesday and instantly killed, his neck being broken. Rider was at work on the farm of Henry Schwab, a mile and a half north of Guthrie, at the time the accident occurred, was standing near the rapidly revolving belt, and in some unaccountable



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way was caught in the belt and thrown to the ground with such force that his neck was instantly broken. He had been working on the machine for several weeks, having come to Oklahoma, from Potlatch, Wisconsin, his home.

WALKED IN HER SLEEP.

Then She is Mistaken by a Policeman for a Burglar.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 12.—While walking in her sleep at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning Fanny Coper, a young girl who is staying at 90 West Grand avenue, was mistaken for a burglar and shot by John Hubbert, an ex-policeman. The bullet took effect in the girl's left side and passed out of the back. Fortunately it did not penetrate any vital organs, and, unless blood poisoning sets in, no serious results are anticipated.

WILL BE NO SALOON.

Territorial Officials Are Opposed to the Arrangement.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 12.—The territorial officials, without exception are opposed to the operation of a saloon in one of the rooms of the territorial offices. A few days ago, a proposition was submitted to the agent of the building to establish a saloon in one of the rooms of the building which is now vacant. The governor was asked to ascertain what the officials thought of the matter. Letters were written to the officials by Governor Ferguson and if their wishes are taken as final there will be no saloon in the building now occupied by the territorial offices.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beats the Market

Tragedy Was Averted.

Proprietor of the Hotel Intervenes Just in Time.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 12.—A tragedy was narrowly averted in front of the Grand Avenue hotel in this city at about 6 o'clock last evening, and the fact that William R. Booth, a prominent attorney at Fort Worth, Tex., is alive today is due to the presence of mind and prompt action of F. C. Cook, manager of the hotel, says the Oklahoma.

Booth was sitting in a chair in front of the hotel when W. A. Haymaker, of Fort Worth, an acquaintance, and who was considerably under the influence of liquor, came up and spoke to him.

"I greeted him and asked him to sit down in a chair," said Mr. Booth. "He did so, and then began telling me that I was the meanest man on earth, and he used other abusive epithets. At this point I quickly slipped him and twice struck him in the breast, and in his condition he staggered back and fell into the gutter. I was standing there and immediately sat down again with my back toward him. Then I heard a cry of warning and saw Mr. Cook rush up and take a revolver from the man, which bystanders say he had placed at my back with the intention of shooting me."

This story was substantiated by Mr. F. C. Cook of the hotel, Ed. Bircher, a guest at the hotel, and several others.

Haymaker was arrested by Police Gordon and taken to police headquarters, where he was given a cash bond. Booth was also arrested and made bond for his appearance in court this morning.

"This was not the first time Haymaker has attempted to quarrel with me," said Booth to a reporter, "but heretofore I have always jollied him and avoided an encounter. Being an attorney, I several years ago secured a judgment against him and levied on his property to collect a debt."

Haymaker, the man who attempted to shoot Booth, has been a grain dealer for several years at Fort Worth and at one time was a member of the board of aldermen in that city. He was in a manful condition at police headquarters. He was ordered to leave the station under threat of re-arrest for drunkenness, as he was quite talkative.

Persons who witnessed the occurrence in front of the hotel say a murmur could be heard as the crowd gathered. Booth, however, was very slow and lumbering in pulling his pistol from the left side of his trousers, giving Mr. Cook, who was standing distant some thirty feet, time to run up and seize the weapon.

Booth is here with J. P. Ward and several other prominent citizens of Fort Worth, taking a look at Oklahoma City.

GUARD CANNOT GO.

Its Equipment Is Not Quite Up to the Requirements.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 12.—It is now evident that it is an impossibility for the Oklahoma National Guard to participate in the regular army maneuvers this fall at Fort Riley. Many letters have been written to the war department at Washington concerning the matter. Delegate Bird S. McGuire interested himself in having the Oklahoma guard appear at Ft. Riley, but his work has availed nothing, owing to the "roasting" report on the guard submitted by Major Starr. Delegate McGuire has had an extensive correspondence with the war department.

Track Laying Going On.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 12.—Track laying was begun yesterday on the Texas and Oklahoma, the extension of the Katy line of road from Coalgate, I. T., to Oklahoma City. The entire line of road will be in operation the first of December.

Shawnee, O. T., Sept. 12.—Dr. R. F. Hamilton of the territorial board of health, states that a meeting of the board will be held at Edmond on September 12 for the purpose of issuing certificates to all physicians who desire to practice medicine within the territory.

Blackwell, O. T., Sept. 12.—The people of Blackwell will regret to learn that Rev. J. R. E. Craighead on Sunday tendered his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, to take effect the first of October, says the Sun.

Blue Law Revoked.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 12.—The Guthrie board of aldermen, by ordinance, last night revoked a former ordinance prohibiting Sunday theatrical performances. James Brooks, proprietor of the local opera house, was arrested several days ago for giving a theatrical performance last Sunday night. The last ordinance nullified his prosecution.

ROBBERS ARE SOON FOILED

Attempt to Hold Up Citizens and Are Resisted.

HARD BATTLE FOLLOWS

Bandits Get No Money but Strike Hard Blows.

Clay Center, Kan., Sept. 12.—One of the boldest holdups that has ever taken place in this city was perpetrated last night. They attempted to secure money from several persons. A party of four resisted and "Dad" Stevens, J. H. Houserman, Night Watchman Bush and Louis Behrings were shot by the bandits and severely wounded. Behrings was hit in the head and is not expected to live.

The bandits got no money, although their victims had considerable cash and jewelry in their possession. The highwaymen escaped and went west.

After the shooting the bandits took the revolver from Night Watchman Bush and beat him into insensibility. The home of James Dimity was also entered by burglars, but whether of the same crowd is not known.

Three suspects were arrested early this morning near the depot, but the night was so dark and stormy that the victims cannot say whether the arrested men are the parties wanted or not.

MARRIAGE IS VALID.

Though There Are Irregularities in the License.

Topeka, Sept. 12.—Complaint has reached the attorney general's office to the effect that probate judges in a number of the Kansas counties have been in the habit of signing and affixing their seals to blank marriage licenses and giving them to ministers and notaries, who filed them out and performed ceremonies. Inquiries have been directed to the attorney general to ascertain if this procedure is legal. Assistant Attorney General Chase has answered these inquiries. He says that notaries public have no authority to perform marriages, but says that under a decision of the supreme court such marriages are binding. A portion of his letter follows:

"The proceeding is in every respect reprehensible. It is in violation of the statute, and contrary to every consideration of public policy. The statute confers upon the probate judge the duty of issuing marriage licenses to those entitled thereto, and under severe penalties prohibits his issuing them to those not entitled. To send a blank marriage license to an unauthorized person to fill it out and deliver it to whom ever he sees fit, is not issuing a license as contemplated by the statute. Section 402, general statutes of 1901, provides that the probate judge shall require the applicant to make an affidavit as to the eligibility of the parties contemplating marriage. If he fails to require this affidavit he is liable to a criminal prosecution. No other person than the probate judge is authorized to inquire into the existence of the facts set forth in the affidavit."

"The law wisely provides that certain persons shall not enter into marriage relations with each other, and the determination of the fact as to whether any impediment to the intermarriage of such persons exists, is a judicial act, and the performance of it cannot by the probate judge be delegated to any other person. "Notaries public cannot legally perform a marriage ceremony. This authority is only conferred on judges, justices of the peace and licensed preachers of the gospel, and these persons can only do so on a marriage license legally issued. However, under the decision of State vs. Welker, 36 Kansas, 257, persons who entered the marriage relation before a notary public on one of these invalid licenses are legally married to each other, but that does not exempt the probate judge from his liability to prosecution."

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MAY HAVE INTERURBAN.

Street Railway Company May Build One.

Some of the men in this city who are interested in getting interurban electric railways built from this city to other points in the great Arkansas Valley have been counting on the men composing the Wichita Railroad and Light company backing the enterprise but it is beginning to appear that they have a good deal of business to attend to at other points.

At the meeting of the Street Railway association of America held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the latter part of last week, Commodore Nelson, the manager of the Wichita Railroad and Light company was elected a member of the executive committee of the national organization and W. B. McKinley was given a great send off at Champaign, Ill., last Thursday, where he had just opened a suburban line thirty-two miles long from Champaign to Danville. The people of Danville were firm in the belief that the line would be a great thing for their town.

Mr. McKinley has also secured a franchise for a suburban line from Champaign to St. Louis, running through Springfield and Decatur, which he promises to have done in time for the world's fair. The suburban lines seem to be very popular in the states east of the Mississippi river and Wichita which was the first city to get an electric line in this country is a little behind on the matter of electric lines but the people here are getting awake to that matter and some men who are in the movement claim that there will soon be lines running out of this city.

Mr. McKinley has been giving Wichita some thought in this matter of suburban lines and it is expected that he will do something here next year. It is known to a few people here that Mr. McKinley has a little bit different ideas about an electric line from this city to the south from that entertained by some of the other moneyed men who have figured on it.

He would not stop the line at Genda Springs or Arkansas City but continue on down the Arkansas river to the coal fields of the Indian territory and there put in an immense electrical power plant from which he would derive the electricity to operate the whole line.

In addition to operating the line of electrical railway that the power plant would furnish power to other industries along the line cheaper than they are now making it with slack coal.

The cheap fuel is having a good deal to do with the building of suburban lines of railway in the states of Illinois. The same men who own the Wichita Street Railway own the new suburban line at Champaign and their slack coal cost them sixty cents a ton while here in Wichita it costs the two dollars and sixty-five cents. The fuel problem is presenting itself for solution to this people and the way to solve it is to solve it and not wait for the railroads to solve it.

If an electrical line of railway could be built from Wichita to the coal fields of the Indian territory and there obtain cheap power from that coal to haul other coal to Wichita, Mr. McKinley's experiment of this city would be solving his part of the fuel question for this city.

WICHITA COUNTRY CLUB

Will Give Its Postponed Dance Tomorrow Night.

Monday evening the regular dance of the Wichita Country club, which was postponed last Wednesday evening because of the bad weather, will be given at the club house. Platforms will be arranged for dancing and tables furnished for those who desire to play cards. Prof. Blume's orchestra will furnish the music.

ARRIVED IN CITY.

C. W. Strain Will Take Up His New Position Tomorrow.

C. W. Strain, the newly appointed division superintendent of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of R. F. Dunn, arrived in the city yesterday accompanied by his wife. He remained only a short time, going from here to Cherokee. He will return again today and will enter into the duties of his new office tomorrow.

WILL RESUME MEETINGS.

Wichita Academy of Medicine Will Elect Officers Tuesday Night.

The Wichita Academy of Medicine will resume its regular meetings this week. A regular meeting will be held Tuesday night at the Commercial club. The officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and Dr. Oldham will deliver an address. It is desired that a full attendance be present.

RETURN FROM COLORADO.

Wichita People the Guests of F. F. Dolan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McIntyre returned yesterday after spending a month in Colorado. While on the trip they spent several days at the home of F. F. Dolan, who was formerly division passenger agent for the Santa Fe at this point, and who now holds a position as general superintendent of the Colorado and Southern railway. Mr. Dolan took his guests over the Colorado division in his private car and they report a most enjoyable time.

STUDENT BURIED TODAY.

Paul Wilson Died Friday at 1904 Maple Street.

Paul Wilson, a former student of Friends university, died Friday night at his home, 1904 Maple street. The family came to this city about four years ago from Haviland, Kan., and until recently Paul has been attending the Friends university. The funeral will be at the university at 2:30 this afternoon.

BIG JIM PARKER

Will Make His Second Appearance in Wichita Today.

Big Jim Parker, who struck down McKinley's assassin, will make his second appearance in Wichita this afternoon, under the auspices of the Colored Central club. He will tell the story of the assassination of President McKinley at Buffalo and the part he played in the capture of the assassin, Mrs. J. E. Patterson. Judge Chase will render judicial selection, assisted by local talent. The address will be given at the fair grounds commencing at 3 o'clock and the subject will be "The Lost Boy Returned Home."

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly visited us in our time of greatest affliction, and more especially for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. C. H. LAKER.

Mr. and Mrs. JAS. FFE.

Mr. Jay and Rayshelbaum.

Mr. JAY and RAJ FFE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. MURPHY.

Mr. and Mrs. GEO. SMOOT.

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—Miss Nettie Niemann.

Catarrh of the head is liable to spread to other organs. It is the direct cause of many severe stomach derangements. Catarrh of the stomach and nervousness go hand in hand.